

Bright Shield Skipper (*Signeta flammeata*)

Other Common Names: Shield Skipper.

Family of Butterflies: *Hesperiidae*.

Size: Wingspan 30mm.

Local Records: There are two records on iNaturalist and Atlas of Living Australia from near Lyonville in the south of our region.

Distribution outside our region: Most Victorian records are from southern and wetter areas of the state. Outside Victoria, this species has been recorded from eastern NSW and the far south-east of Queensland. There are very few records on the inland side of the Great Dividing Range.

Larval Host Plants: Slender tussock, *Poa tenera*, and Wiregrass, *Tetrarrhena juncea*.

Larval association with ants: None.

Adult Flight Times in Victoria: July to March.

Conservation Status:

[The Action plan for Australian Butterflies](#): Vulnerable in Australia

[Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999](#): Not listed

[Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, Threatened List](#): Not Listed

Other Notes: Males hilltop and establish territories by perching on trees up to 9m above the ground.

References:

Atlas of Living Australia – [Signeta flammeata](#), Bright Shield Skipper.

iNaturalist Australia – [Signeta flammeata](#), Bright Shield Skipper.